

# Public Notice of Application for Permit

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ATTN: Randel Perry, Project Manager

Public Notice Date: March 2, 2006

Expiration Date: April 2, 2006

Reference: 200501451 Name: Anacortes, Port of

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army (DA) permit in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for certain work described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

APPLICANT -

Port of Anacortes

Ms. Margaret Schwertner Post Office Box 297

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LOCATION - In Guemes Channel at Anacortes, Washington.

<u>WORK</u> - The applicant proposes to rehabilitate an existing waterfront industrial area and upgrade facilities by removing existing structures, reconfiguring an existing basin, and installing new overwater and upland structures.

PURPOSE - Upgrade an industrial facility to meet current market demands and ensure operational safety.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – Proposed actions are part of facility improvements at the Dakota Creek Industries site, a commercial ship repair facility. Work involves removal of 2 existing docks, piling, marine railways, and associated overwater and upland structures; installation of 3 new piers with associated piling, fenders, and dolphins; dredging 168,000 cubic yards of material and installing 670 linear feet of sheet pile bulkhead to reconfigure the existing DCI ship basin; and installing 250 linear feet of riprap along the basin's east boundary.

<u>Dredged Material Testing</u>: The proposed dredged material has been tested according to the procedures specified in PSDDA, a multi-agency program for the evaluation of dredged material proposed for disposal at open-water sites in Puget Sound. The PSDDA evaluations may include both chemical and biological testing of sediments. For this project, the PSDDA agencies determined that 156,500 cubic yards were suitable for unconfined disposal at the PSDDA nondispersive (or dispersive) open-water disposal site in Rosario Straits. The remaining 11,500 cubic yards were found unsuitable for open-water disposal. After mechanical removal, this material will be loaded onto trucks and transported to an upland disposal area, approved by the Washington State Department of Ecology. The sediment testing data are available at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Seattle District, Dredged Material Management Office.

<u>Dredging Plan:</u> A dredging plan, sufficient to adequately separate contaminated material from sediments suitable for open-water disposal will be prepared by the applicant and submitted to the regulatory agencies for review prior to dredging. A pre-dredging conference will be held to review quality control plans and procedures for material separation and disposal positioning.

<u>Disposal Site Use Conditions</u>: The following standard site use conditions will be specified by the Corps and the Washington Department of Natural Resources as part of the Federal/State permitting processes: (1) during the periods of tribal fishing in the disposal site area, disposal will only occur during daylight hours; and (2) during the daylight hours, "navigation rules of the road" will apply to the dredger in the event Tribal fishing is occurring at the disposal site. The dredger's permit will state that disposal is to occur when there is no Tribal fishing occurring at the disposal site. Other appropriate special conditions may be added as a result of comments received during the public review period for this public notice.

<u>MITIGATION</u> – The project will affect approximately 4.92 acres of upper intertidal and subtidal habitat including 0.87 of an acre of eelgrass. The applicant has proposed to construct approximately 1.06 acres of intertidal habitat at the project site and on an adjacent property.

Ancillary to this project the Port of Anacortes proposes to construct approximately 6 acres of subtidal habitat in Fidalgo Bay at an elevation suitable to support eelgrass colonization and planting (U.S. Corps of Engineers Public Notice # 200501264 issued November 23, 2005). The habitat site would augment and enhance existing eelgrass habitat in Fidalgo Bay. Construction of the habitat site with dredged materials from the Swinomish Channel has been approved by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The Port has entered into an agreement with WDFW to allow the constructed eelgrass suitable habitat to be used as mitigation for future Port projects including the subject of this notice.

ENDANGERED SPECIES - The bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus), listed threatened; marbled murrelet (Brachyramphus marmoratus), listed threatened; Puget Sound chinook (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha), listed threatened; Coastal/Puget Sound bull trout (Salvelinus confluentus), listed threatened; Steller sea lion (Eumetopias jubatus), listed threatened; humpback whale (Megaptera novaeangliae), listed endangered; southern resident killer whales (Orcinus orca), listed endangered; and leatherback sea turtle (Dermochelys coriacea), listed endangered in the state of Washington, occur in the proposed project area. Critical habitat for bull trout and Chinook salmon occurs in the proposed project area. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the Corps will evaluate the potential impacts to the bald eagle, marbled murrelet, Puget Sound chinook, Coastal/Puget Sound bull trout, Steller sea lion, humpback whale, and leatherback sea turtle. A preliminary determination indicates that the activity may affect, but will not adversely affect listed Chinook salmon, bull trout, marbled murrelets, killer whales and bald eagles and will have no effect on listed steller sea lion, humpback whale, and leatherback sea turtle. A preliminary determination indicates that the activity may affect, but will not adversely affect designated critical habitat for Chinook salmon and bull trout. Informal consultation under Section 7 of the Act will be required.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT - The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). EFH for Pacific salmon, groundfish, coastal pelagic species occurs in the project area. The proposed action would impact approximately 5 acres of EFH for these species.

If the Corps determines that the proposed action may adversely affect EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters, the Corps will initiate EFH consultation with the NMFS. The Corps' final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u> - The District Engineer (DE) has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible and other sources of information. The following is current knowledge of the presence or absence of historic properties and the effects of the undertaking upon these properties:

Known historic properties occur in the vicinity of the proposed project. However, they do not occur in the permit area. The proposed work is of such a limited nature and extent and the project site has been so extensively modified by modern development that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impinge upon an undisturbed historic property.

The DE invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments, Federal, State, and local agencies, historical and archeological societies, and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> - Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

<u>EVALUATION</u> - The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, Native American Nations or tribal governments, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

The evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act. This evaluation will include an alternatives analysis.

<u>ADDITIONAL EVALUATION</u> - The State of Washington is reviewing this work for consistency with the approved Washington Coastal Zone Management Program and for compliance with the applicable State and Federal water quality standards pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

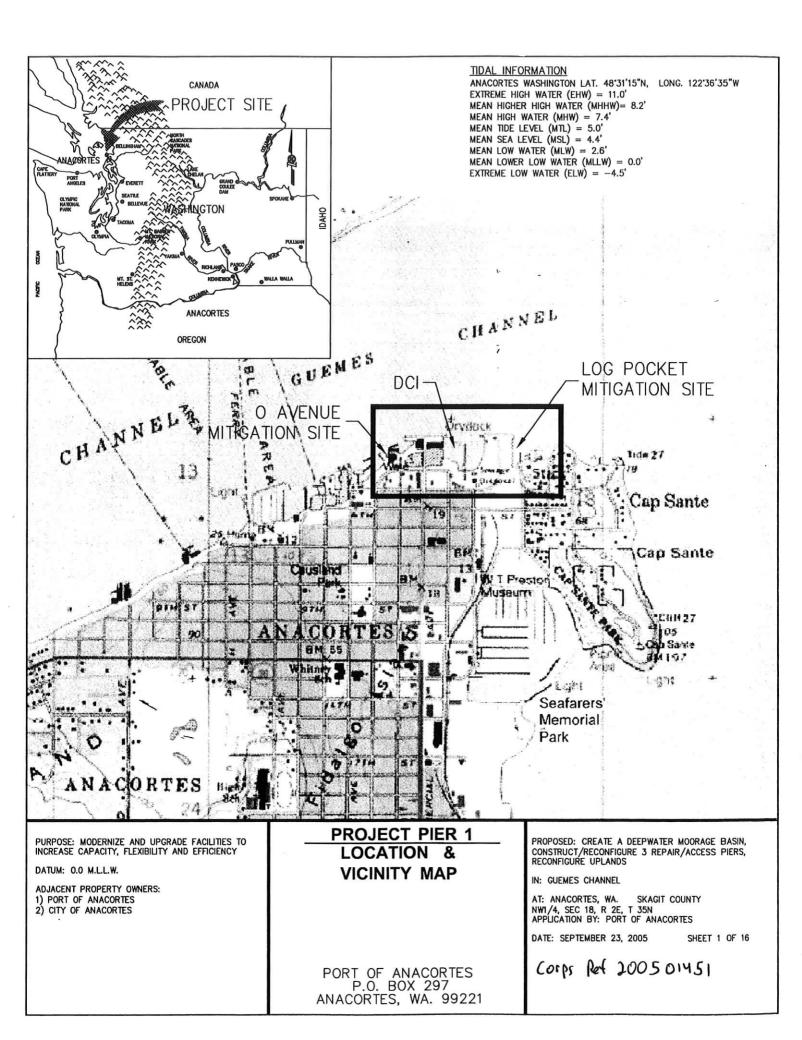
This proposal is the subject of a Shorelines Permit Exemption being processed by City of Anacortes.

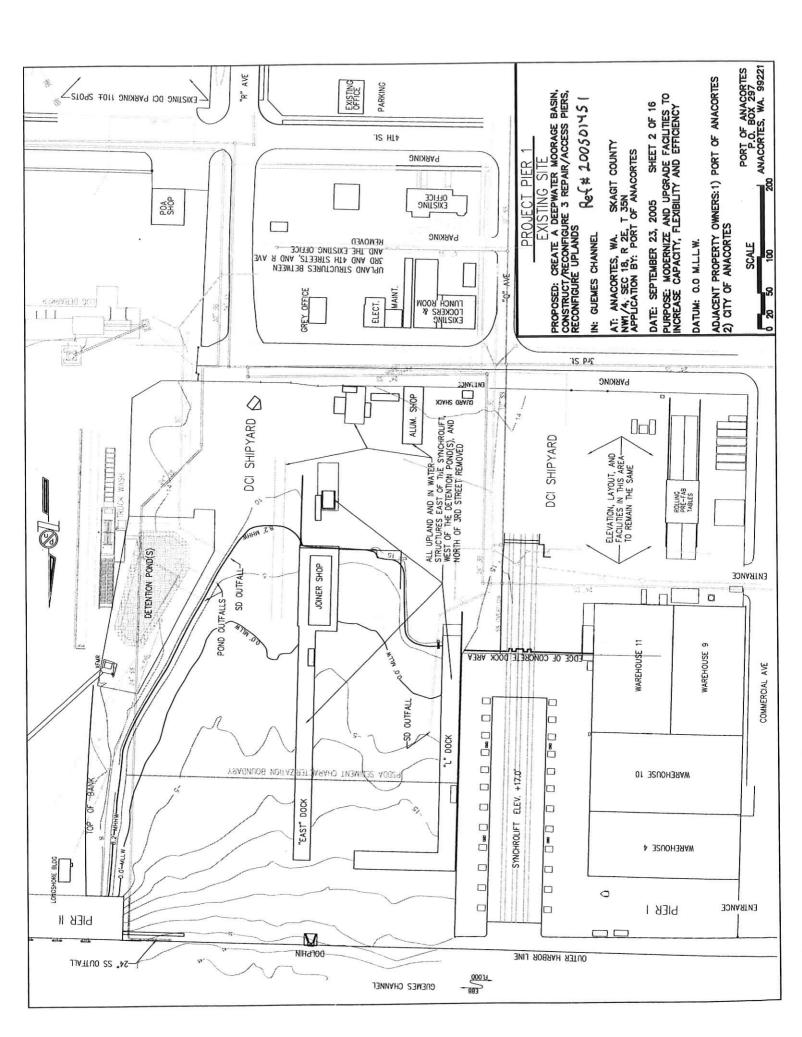
COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD - Conventional mail or email comments on this public notice will be

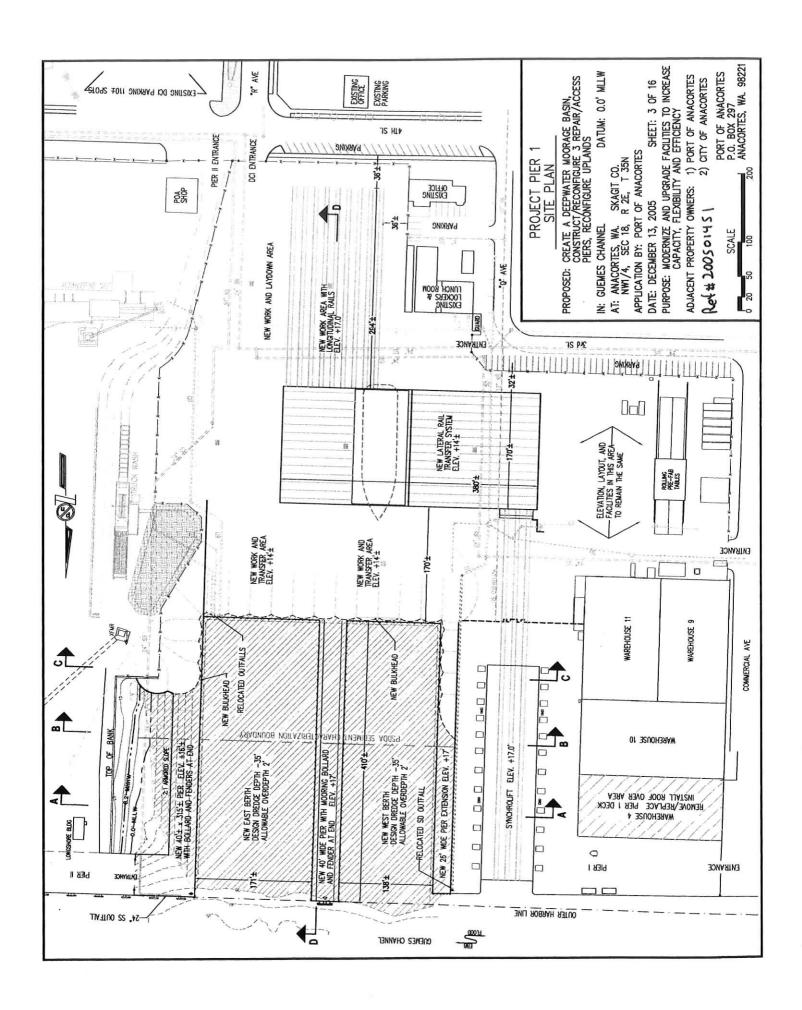
accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether it would be in the public interest to authorize this proposal. In order to be accepted, email comments must originate from the author's email account and must include on the subject line of the email message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. All email comments should be sent to Randel Perry, Project Manager, at Randel.J.Perry@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-3755. Both conventional mail or email comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commentor's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or email must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration. Please include the following name and reference number:

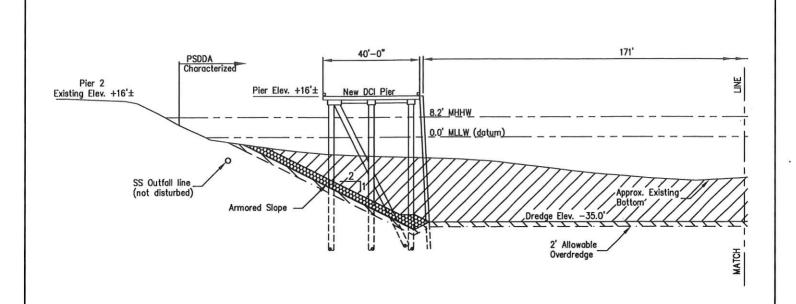
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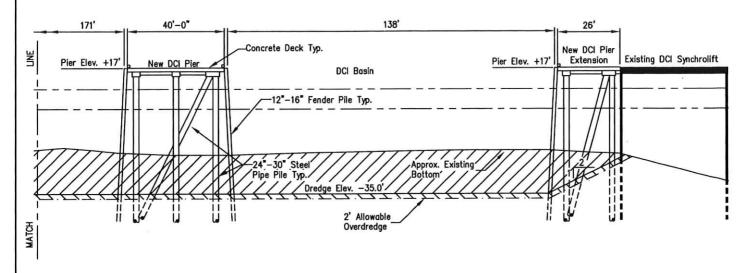
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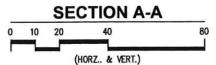












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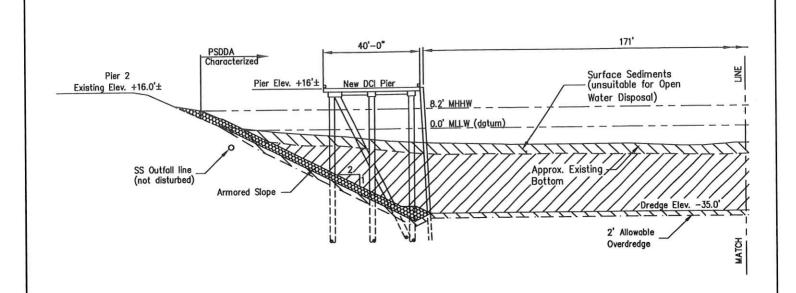
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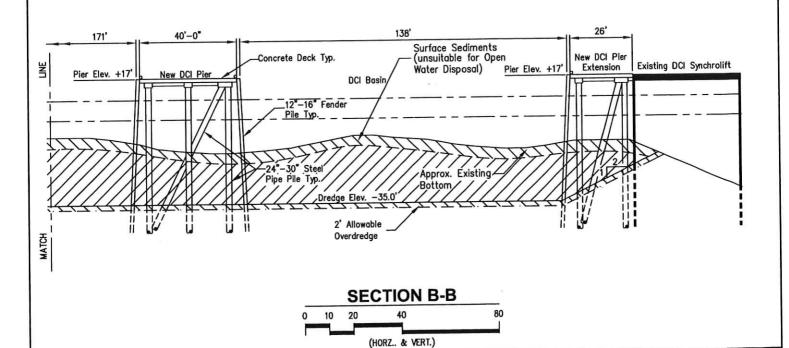
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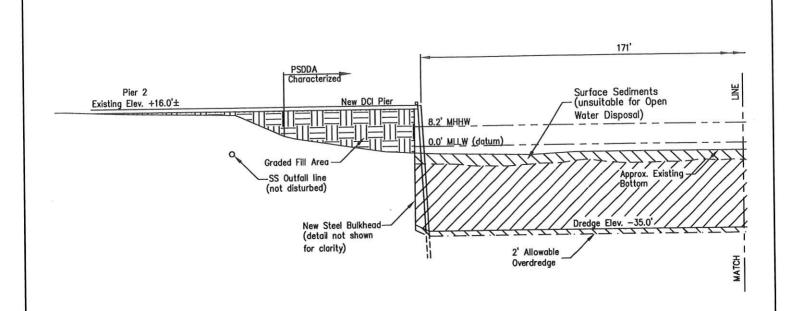
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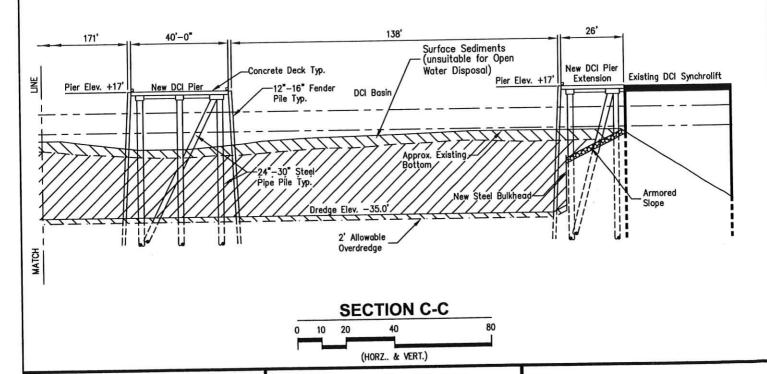
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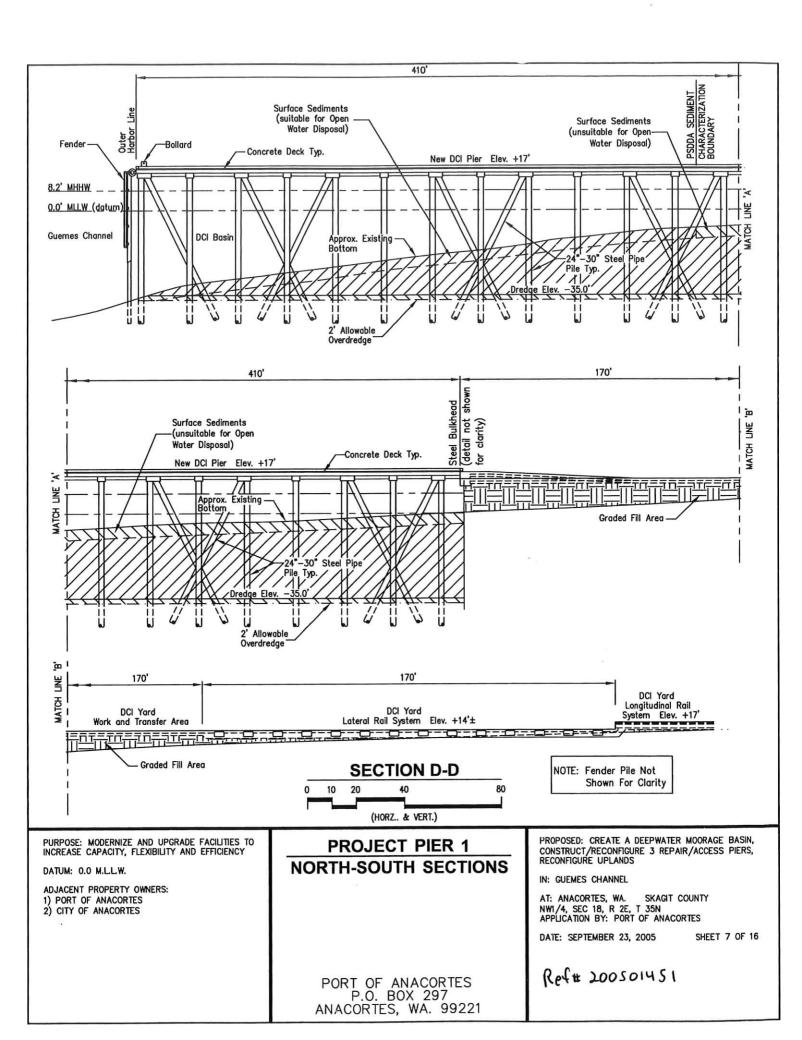
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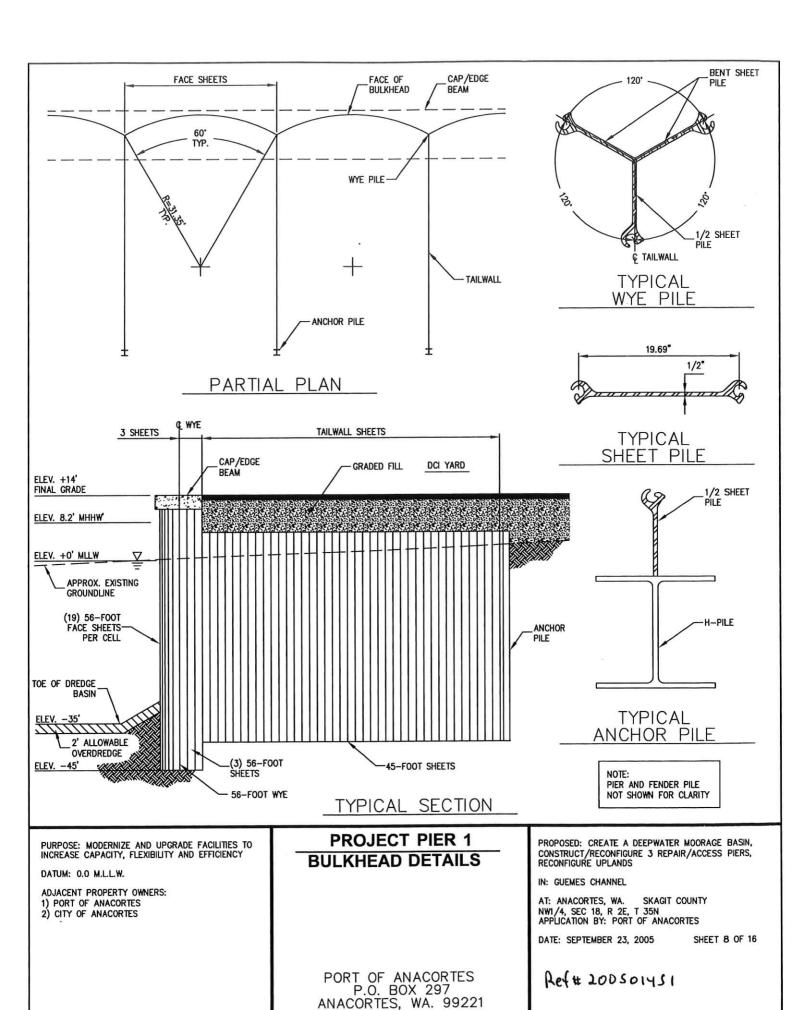
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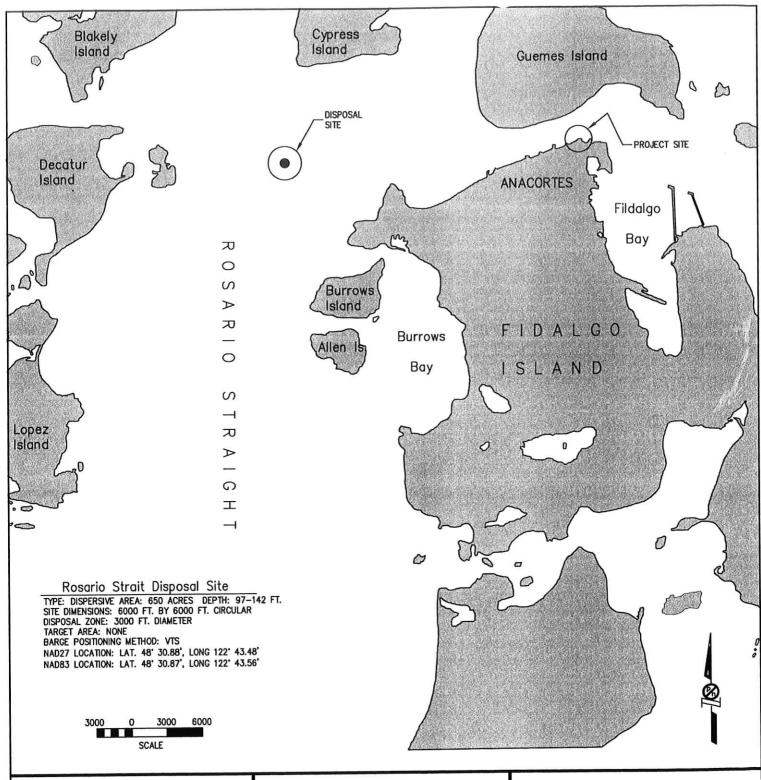
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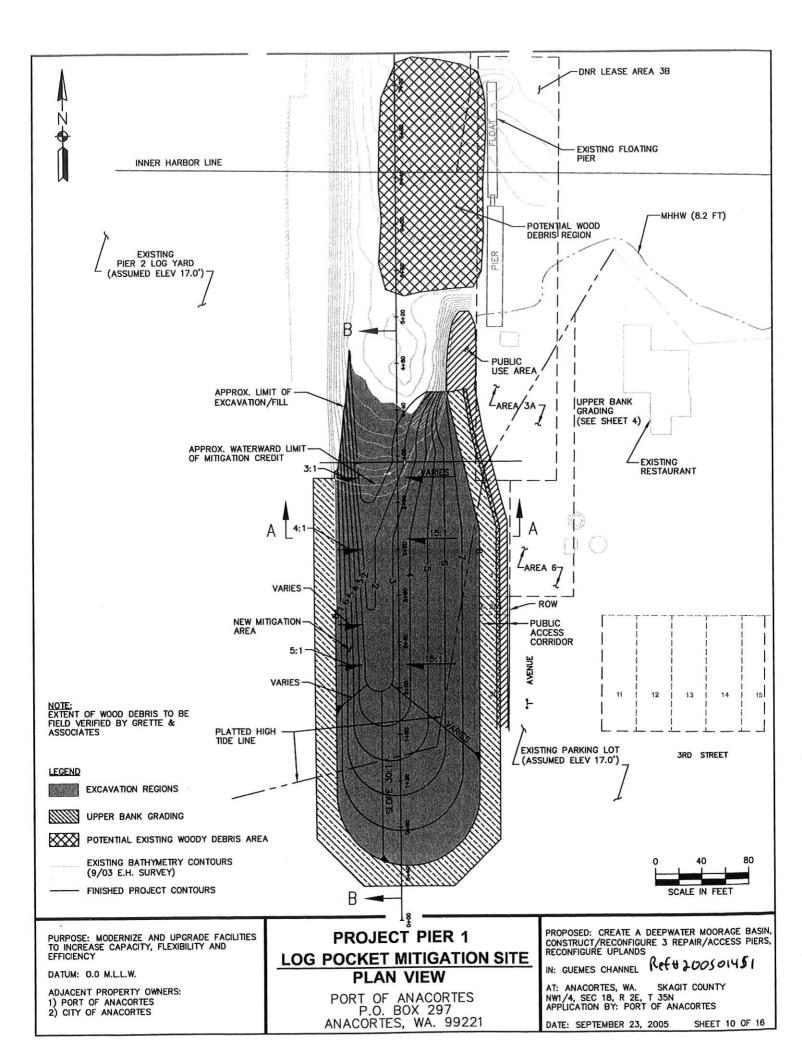
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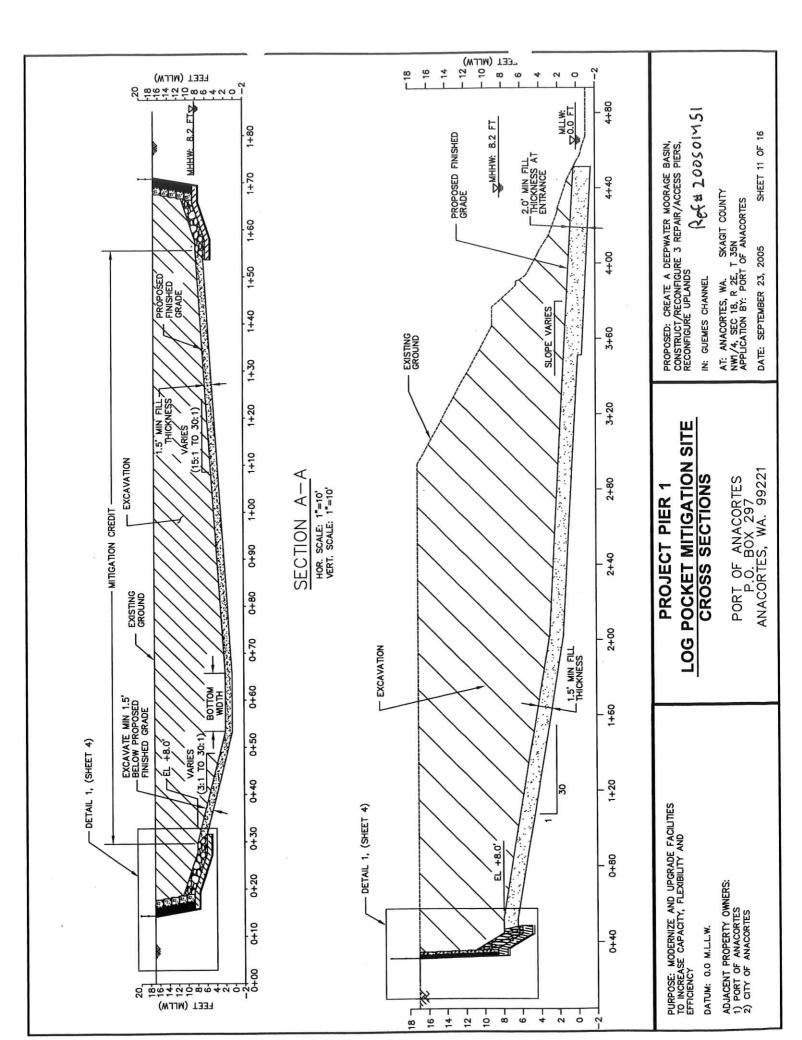
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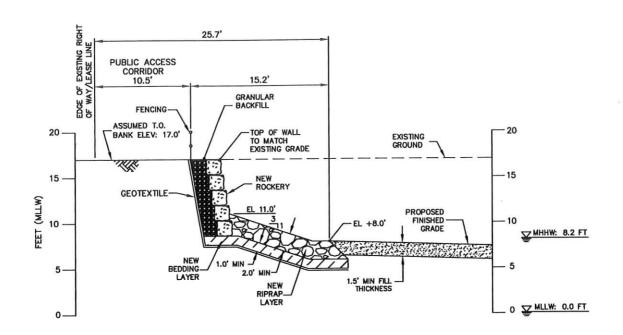
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DETAIL 1
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PURPOSE: MODERNIZE AND UPGRADE FACILITIES TO INCREASE CAPACITY, FLEXIBILITY AND EFFICIENCY

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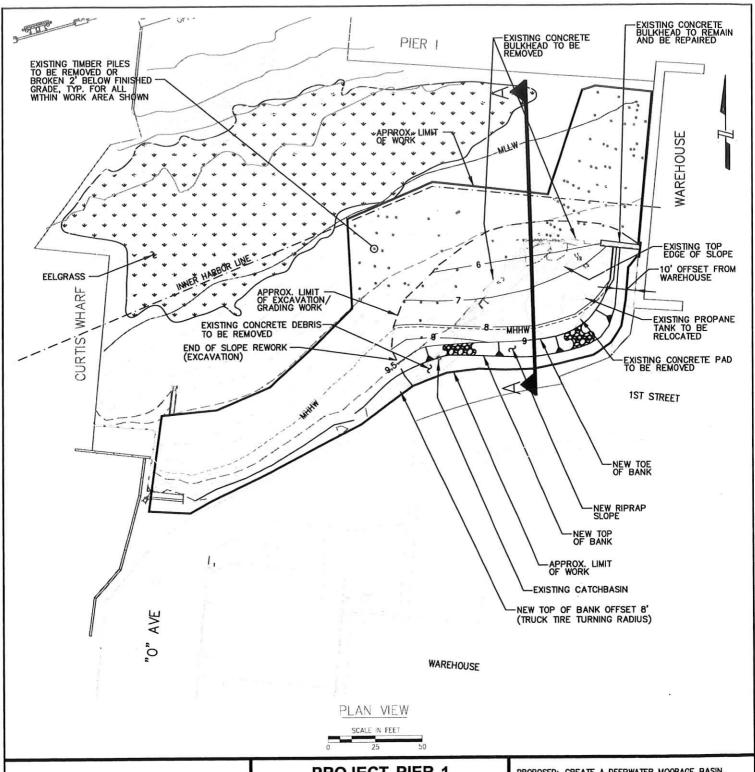
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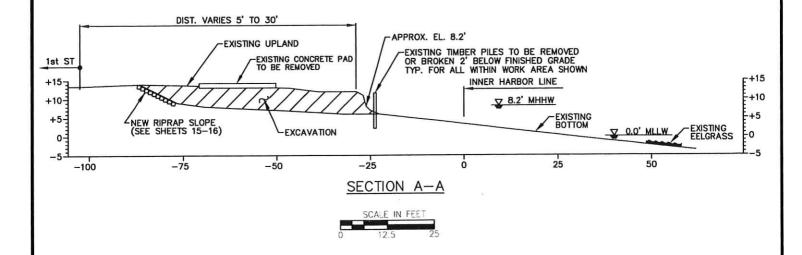
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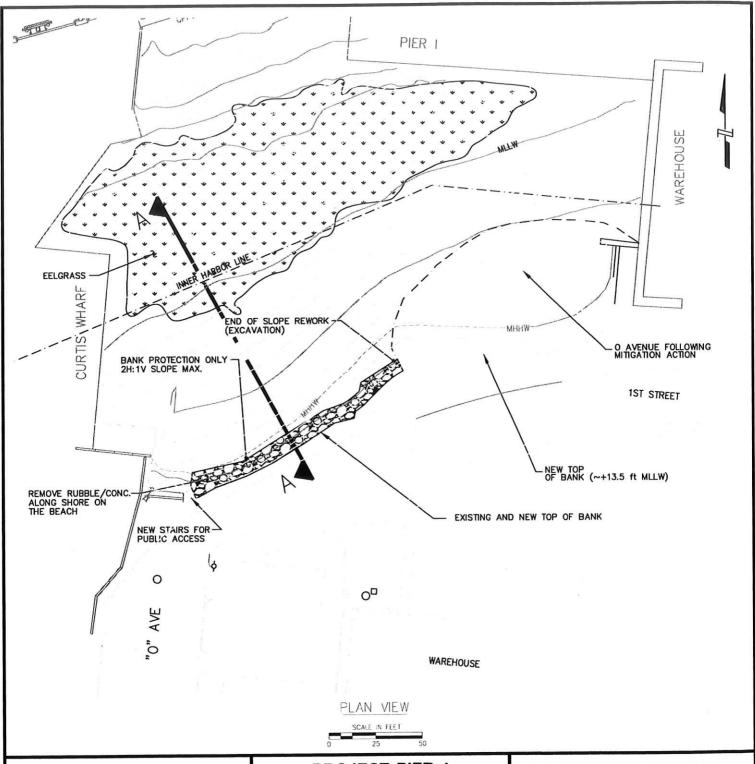
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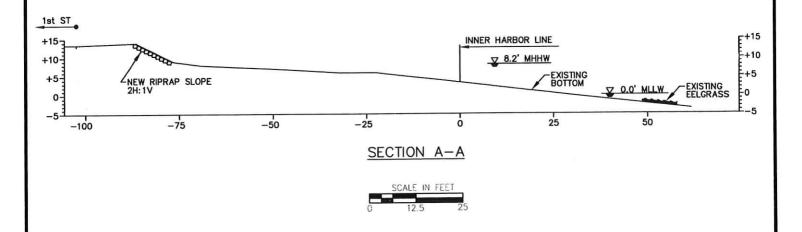
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## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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#### STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Notice of Application for
Water Quality Certification
and for
Certification of Consistency with the
Washington Coastal Zone Management Program

Date: March 02, 2006

Notice is herby given that a request has been filed with the Department of Ecology, pursuant to the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 95-217), to certify that the project described in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. 200501451 will comply with the Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Act, and with applicable provisions of State and Federal water pollution control laws.

Notice is herby given that a request has been filed with the Department of Ecology, pursuant to the requirements of Section 307© of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451), to certify that the above referenced project will comply with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program.

Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to the project on either or both (1) compliance with water pollution control laws or (2) the project's compliance or consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program may do so by providing written comments within 30 days of the above publication date to:

Federal Permit Coordinator Department of Ecology SEA Program Post Office Box 47600 Olympia, Washington 98504-7600